

Amendments to the claims.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A coextruded hot-blown film having at least three layers, the film comprising a core layer and, optionally, at least one intermediate layer sandwiched between two skin layers, the film having a haze value of less than about 15% as measured by ASTM-D-1003, a 2% secant modulus greater than about 50,000 psi as measured by ASTM-D-638, and a cross-directional (CD) shrinkage greater than 0% psi as measured by ASTM-D-2732, wherein:
 - (a) the inner layer, or layers, comprises at least one stiffening polymer selected from the group consisting of: low density polyethylene, linear low density polyethylene, high density polyethylene, blends thereof, polypropylene homopolymer, polypropylene random copolymer, styrene/butadiene copolymer, polystyrene, ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer and cyclic-olefin copolymer, provided that when more than one inner layer is present, the inner layers can be the same or different; and,
 - (b) the skin layers, which may be the same or different, comprise at least one of: low density polyethylene; a blend of low density polyethylene and linear low density polyethylene; a blend of low density polyethylene and very low density polyethylene; polystyrene; ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer; a blend of ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer and linear low density polyethylene; cyclic-olefin copolymer; styrene-butadiene copolymer; or, polypropylene random copolymer, provided that the skin layers are devoid of a homogeneously branched polyethylene resin prepared with a single site catalyst.
2. Cancelled.
3. (Original) The film of claim 1 wherein the film has 5 layers.
4. (Original) The film of claim 3 wherein the film is characterized by a cross-directional shrink force of at least about 6 psi.

5. (Original) The film of claim 3 having a film structure of A/B/C/B/A or A/B/C/D/E.
6. (Original) The film of claim 3 having a 2% secant modulus greater than about 100,000 psi.
7. (Original) The film of claim 3 having a cross-directional shrink of between 0% and about 50%.
8. (Currently Amended) The film of claim 2 wherein the low density polyethylene of the inner layer or layers has a melt index, 12, of less than or equal to 1.0 as measured by ASTM D-1238.
9. (Original) The film of claim 1 wherein the film has 3 layers.
10. (Original) The film of claim 9 having a film structure of A/B/A or A/B/C.
11. (Original) The film of claim 9 having a 2% secant modulus greater than about 60,000 psi.
12. (Original) The film of claim 9 having a 2% secant modulus greater than about 70,000 psi.
13. (Original) The film of claim 9 having a 2% secant modulus greater than about 80,000 psi.
14. (Original) The film of claim 9 having a 2% secant modulus greater than about 100,000 psi.
15. (Original) The film of claim 9 having a cross-directional shrink of between 0% and about 50%.

16. (Currently Amended) A coextruded hot-blown film having at least three layers, the film comprising a core layer and, optionally, at least one intermediate layer sandwiched between two skin layers, the film having a haze value of less than about 5% as measured by ASTM-D-1003, a 2% secant modulus greater than about 50,000 psi as measured by ASTM-D-638 and a cross-directional (CD) shrinkage greater than 0% as measured by ASTM-D-2732, wherein:

(a) the inner layer, or layers, comprises at least one stiffening polymer selected from the group consisting of: low density polyethylene, linear low density polyethylene, high density polyethylene, blends thereof, polypropylene random copolymer, styrene/butadiene copolymer, polystyrene, ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer and cyclic-olefin copolymer, provided that when more than one inner layer is present, the inner layers can be the same or different; and,

(b) the skin layers, which may be the same or different, comprise at least one of: low density polyethylene; a blend of low density polyethylene and linear low density polyethylene; a blend of low density polyethylene and very low density polyethylene; polystyrene; ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer; a blend of ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer and linear low density polyethylene; cyclic-olefin copolymer; styrene-butadiene copolymer; or, polypropylene random copolymer, provided that the skin layers are devoid of a homogeneously branched polyethylene resin prepared with a single site catalyst.

17-19. Cancelled.

20. (Original) The film of claim 16 having a 2% secant modulus greater than about 100,000 psi.

21. (Original) The film of claim 16 having a cross-directional shrink of between 0% and about 50%.

22. (Currently Amended) The film of claim 17 wherein the low density polyethylene of the

inner layer or layers has a melt index, 12, of less than or equal to 1.0 as measured by ASTM D-1238.

23-24. Cancelled.

25. (Original) The film of claim 16 having a 2% secant modulus greater than about 100,000 psi.
26. (Original) The film of claim 16 having a cross-directional shrink of between 0% and about 50%.
27. (Original) The film of claim 16 wherein the film is characterized by a cross-directional shrink force of at least about 6 psi.
28. (Original) The film of claim 16 wherein the skin layers comprise polystyrene, styrene-butadiene copolymer or cyclic-olefin copolymer.
29. (Original) The film of claim 28 wherein the cyclic-olefin copolymer is an ethylene-norbornene copolymer.

30.-48. Cancelled.